Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it a success?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is a success.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ.—ഉരുട്ടി ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതു കൂടാതെ വേറെ വല്ല സാധനങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു സാമർത്ഥ്യമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— എക്സ് പർട്ടിനോട് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചു റിപ്പോർട്ടു ചെയ്യുവാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ.— ഉദ്ദേശം എന്നായിരിയ്ക്കും അദ്ദേഹത്തോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതു?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— അങ്ങിനെ ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ട് ഇപ്പോൾ അഞ്ചാറു മാസമായി.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ.—റിപ്പോർട്ടു വല്ലതും കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— അയാളുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൽ അവിടെയുള്ള മണ്ണു് പൈപ്പും ഭരണിയും ഉണ്ടാക്കാനാണു് ഉപകാരമുള്ളതെന്നാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ.— കുറെക്കാലം കഴിഞ്ഞാലെങ്കിലും മറ്റു സാധനങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ കഴിയുമെന്നാണോ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ റിപ്പോർട്ടു?

Mr. President.—I said that Government will now examine whether it is possible to manufacture other articles from that clay.

Requisition of the services of the Director of public Instruction by some Native States.

75. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is there any truth in the newspaper reports that the services of the Director of Public Instruction are requisitioned by Governments of Mysore, Baroda, Bikaneer, Kashmer and other States?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— (a) Government have no information on this matter.

Grant-in-aid Schools—Maintenance of Accounts.

76. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(1) whether it is a fact that an aided school in Moorkkinikara was recently taken over by Government; and if so, the circumstances that led to it;

(2) whether adequate steps are taken to see that Grant-in-aid schools maintain their accounts up-to-date;

(3) whether their accounts are being periodically audited by approved auditors; and

(4) whether the accounts submitted by them to the Government are certified to be correct by such auditors?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) No. The recognition of the aided school had to be withdrawn owing to mismanagement coupled with non-disbursement of salary to the staff and a new Sirkar school was started there.

(2) Yes.

(3) Not by approved auditors but by the Inspecting Officers of the Department.

(4) Does not arise in view of answer to (3) above.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—For how many months were the salaries said to be in arrears before Government started a new school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Complaints were received after the salaries were in arrears for months. Because of the non-disbursement of salaries enquiries were made and the manager was requested to pay and it was delayed. When it was found impossible to make the manager pay the salaries steps were taken to start a new school.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Were grants paid when the salaries were in arrears?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the Government aware that the practice is giving very great hardship to a great percentage of managers of private institutions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government has realised this difficulty and the question is being considered. Apart from the recommendations of the Committee, orders will be issued soon at least on those important matters.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The recommendation is that it will be done only if the acquittance roll is produced of previous months.

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Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—To know whether there are similar arrears in other schools, have they taken steps?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not possible because there are more than 500 schools.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Are we then to take that in all the other aided schools the salaries of teachers are strictly paid?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government are absolutely ignorant. I may say that no complaints are pending with them.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—If there is mismanagement of schools have the Government taken any steps to regulate the payment of salary?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not possible to take more coercive measures. Government tried to hand over the affairs to some other for management and asked the public to take it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the assumption of the Hon'ble Member accepted by the Government.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not accepted or rejected the assumption that may be contained in his question. I gave simply a straightforward answer.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Before submission of the grant to the management, should you not ascertain whether the management has paid the amount to the teachers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Only after such acquittance are received Government do disburse the grant. In the absence of further complaints, Government have no business to go beyond the document.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—In the light of the observations made in the Diwan's speech of the other day that it is not possible, whether this particular aspect namely the production of the acquitance of the previous month would entitle the manager to get the salary amount immediately taken up and orders passed.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The matter will be taken to the immediate notice of the Diwan.

Comptroller's Office Location of.

77. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—(1) Have the Government felt the need of summoning the Comptroller of Accounts to the capital of the State for urgent consultations with the Diwan;

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